

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF SURFACE MODIFICATION FOR THERMAL SHOCK RESISTANCE AND A MEMBER THEREOF

the specification of which

_____ is attached hereto

OR

X was filed on (04/06/2005) _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2005/007111 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed (yes/no)
2004/116529	Japan	04/12/2004	yes

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